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Democratic National Committee Chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz on the passing of Philadelphia political giant, former U.S. Rep. William Gray

'Independence' rings hollow for immigrants

Liberty. Activists protest Philly's immigration policies this July as the US celebrates its civil liberties.

Americans traditionally treat Independence Day as an observance of the country's hard-won freedom and liberties. But activists point out that for undocumented immigrants in the U.S., there's nothing to celebrate this Fourth of July.

"There's a huge number of families who are not at liberty," said Blanca Pacheco, an organizer with interfaith immigrants rights coalition the New Sanctuary Movement of Philadelphia. "They live in fear every day of something happening. They go to work and don't know if they will come back home, and that fear has people locked up."

Members of New Sanctuary will on Wednesday host an "un-barbecue" at the Liberty Bell, with empty grills, plates and picnic baskets symbolizing the lack of freedom faced by the city's immigrants.

Advocates on June 22 launched a 40-day campaign of fasting and prayer, calling for humane federal immigration reform and for Philadelphia to end its partnership with U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement.

The voluntary agreement allows ICE to access a database of arrestees through the Preliminary Arraignment Reporting System and to issue detainers for those they suspect to be undocumented citizens.

"This happens [over] a lifetime, so whenever someone is arrested for any reason — it could be running a traffic stop, having a car accident or they make a mistake and are in the wrong place at the wrong time — immigration is able to see who these people are," Pacheco said.

The Ecuadorean native emigrated 12 years ago in search of family-sustaining job opportunities. But because of her undocumented status, she found she was unable to attend college and lived in constant fear of deportation.

"I'm a single mother and worried something can happen to me and then I will get caught," she said.

But Pacheco's sense of social justice has eclipsed her fear of deportation. "I do think that I have lived in fear for the last eight or nine years, and I just got sick of it," she said. "At this point, I am willing to fight for the community that is needing, a community like me. This needs to stop happening. I think at this point, I am not afraid anymore."

Pacheco, who has been without food for 11 days and counting, hopes by the fast's July 31 end, city officials will be ready to come to the table and discuss ending the ICE contract, which is up for renewal in August. "We are here to work, and we work hard," she said. "We just want to live free of fear as a human being with dignity."

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Federal progress?

Legal woes

The U.S. Senate recently passed a bipartisan immigration bill increasing border security and cracking down on employers of undocumented workers while providing a pathway to legal citizenship for some who emigrated as children. Still, the New Sanctuary movement estimates 5.5 million undocumented citizens won't be eligible for legal status under the bill. That includes Pacheco, who came to America at 17 —missing the eligibility cutoff of 16 by one year.

"So many people are really excited thinking this is it, that immigration problems are going to be resolved, but they're not. There are good things included in this bill, but also terrible things," Pacheco said.

Blanca Pacheco / FACEBOOK

Quoted

"It's so easy for people to say, 'Deport them, just throw them into the trash,' but people have forgotten we are talking about human beings, and we are not here to attack this country or to get public benefits, as many people say — we can't." Pacheco

No ordering at the touch screen for these hoagies

Philadelphians descended upon Independence Mall Tuesday to get a bite of 4.5 tons of Italian hoagie goodness Wawa gave out for free for the Welcome America! festival. Philadelphia police officers were also on hand to help make the hoagies. / RIKARD LARMA, METRO

Wanted

Police seek man who allegedly shot cab driver

Police are looking for a man who allegedly shot a taxi driver in the hand June 27 during a robbery in West Philadelphia.

Investigators said Paul Leavy, 27, was a passenger in the cab when he pointed a handgun through the car's partition and at the driver's head, demanding money. The driver grabbed the gun and was shot during a struggle. Leavy's last known address is on the 4900 block of Florence Street. He is also known to frequent the area of 46th and Walnut streets. METRO

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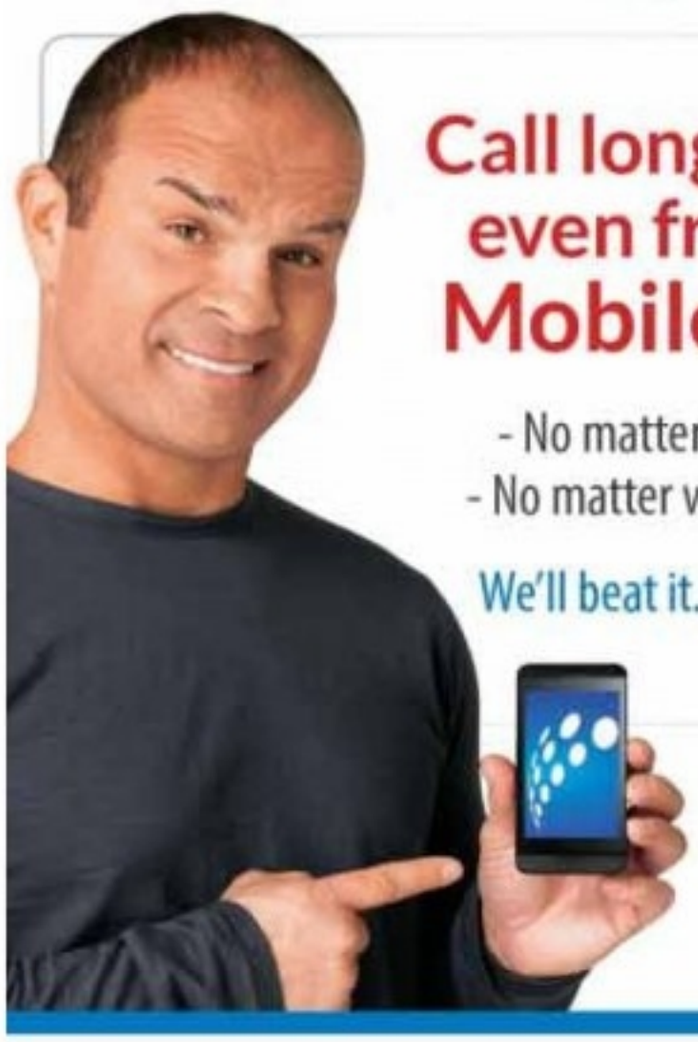

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Audit reveals Philly schools missing $200K in supplies

Oversight. The School District of Philadelphia was unable to account for 67 percent of its inventory.

Despite mounting fiscal challenges, the School District of Philadelphia is doing a lousy job at keeping track of the meager resources it does have, according to an audit released Wednesday by the office of City Controller Alan Butkovitz.

The Internal Control and Compliance review of fiscal year 2012 found a staggering 67 percent of School District inventory auditors selected for review could not be located. Eleven schools were missing $196,000 worth of items ranging from computers, cameras and musical instruments to snowblowers, air conditioners and medical equipment, according to the report.

"These findings suggest the district is not properly safeguarding and accounting for its $272.6 million furniture and equipment inventory," Butkovitz said in a statement. "There appears to be a clear breakdown in the district's procedures over its inventory, which reduced the ability to locate sampled property."

At several schools, auditors found staffers had without authorization taken home items that included computers and sewing machines.

Butkovitz said inventory oversights also resulted from the failure of district employees to maintain adequate records of what happened to equipment left in old school facilities and from a new computerized inventory system that doesn't provide for sufficient accountability over deleted supplies.

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Other problems

The audit also found:

- Accountants failed to detect in a timely manner $66 million in errors in cash and investment accounts, causing them to be at risk of misstating liabilities and overestimating the district's assets.
- Of the $20,700 in petty cash and student activity funds sampled from six schools, nearly 70 percent was unaccounted for.

Case study

$10K

At the new West Philadelphia High School, for example, auditors found numerous items went missing within a year, including $5,150 in musical instruments; $3,000 worth of office furniture; an Apple iMac computer valued at $1,379; and a $945 snowblower.

Safety

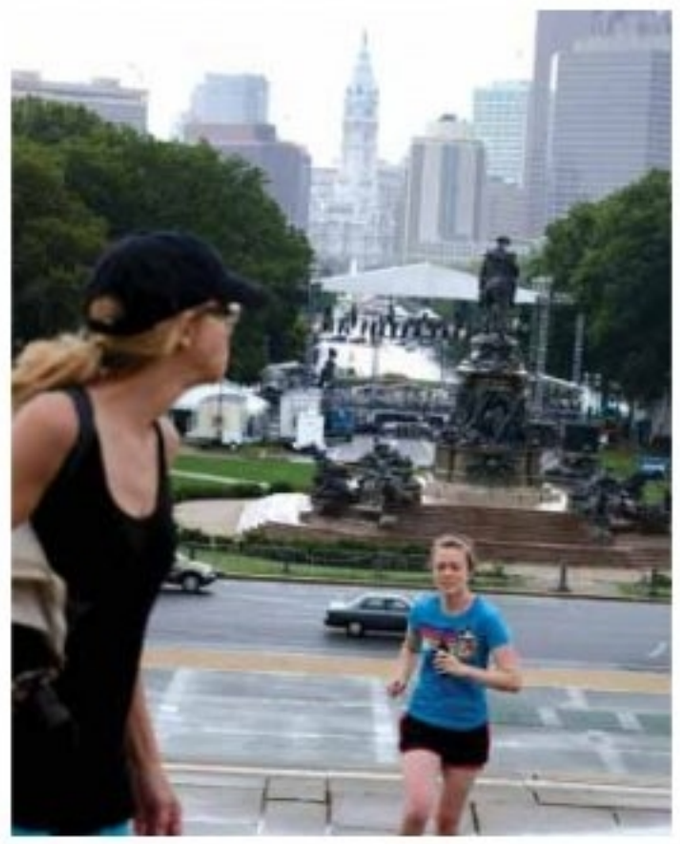
PHA gets new cops

The Philadelphia Housing Authority Police Department formally inducted 50 new recruits. The officers represent the first expansion of PHA police in more than a decade, more than doubling in size. METRO

Overkill

Man shot, run over

A man was killed in Germantown shortly after 10 p.m. Monday after he was shot multiple times, then struck by a car. Police said Tyrek Autrey, 21, was found in the roadway on the 4600 block of Morris Street and died a short time later. METRO



Ready for the Fourth

Runners are still out in damp weather this week by the Art Museum as the elaborate stage for Thursday's Welcome America festival is being erected in the background. Tens of thousands are expected to take to the Parkway for the annual concert that this year features The Roots, Demi Lovato, John Mayer and more. / RIKARD LARMA, METRO

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Philly's improved bond rating could mean more services

S&P. The city's general obligation bonds are rated high, but the finance director said more can be done.

Mayor Michael Nutter's administration has achieved in the midst of a bad economy something that has eluded his predecessors since 1979.

The city's $1.3 billion general obligation bonds are now rated an "A minus" with a stable outlook by American financial services company Standard & Poor's. They previously were rated BBB plus improving.

A bond upgrade typically means the city will have to pay less to borrow while it looks to raise capital. Jimmy Lanham, deputy city treasurer, expects the city to price a $350 million issue — $200 million of new capital and $150 million in refinancing — in mid-July depending on market conditions.

"The upgrade will mean more police stations, fire stations and recreation centers," he said.

Hilary Sutton, associate director of public finance at S&P, credits "Nutter's strong fiscal management" for the upgrade. She predicts a 2013 fund balance surplus of $178 million, which is over budget.

Rob Dubow, the city's finance director, was cautiously optimistic about the city's bond upgrade, the second this year.

"Among the 10 largest cities in the United States, Philadelphia's A minus rating is one of the lowest, "he said. "There is still work to be done."

He and the S&P report point to the much-maligned Actual Value Initiative as contributing to the city's upgrade. AVI shows the true market value of the city's real estate, he said.

By the numbers

$146M
FY 2012 fund surplus

$178M
FY 2013 predicted fund surplus

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Spinning her wheel

Isabella Cracchiolo, 8, of Downingtown, learned some history on Tuesday, July 2, at the Go 4th and Learn event on Independence Mall, held as part of the Welcome America! festival to mark July 4. / RIKARD LARMA, METRO

Courts

Gosnell plea

Philadelphia abortion doctor Kermit Gosnell finally signed off on a plea deal last weekend in connection with federal charges of running a painkiller "pill mill." Gosnell, who is already serving life without parole for the deaths of three babies born alive at his West Philadelphia clinic, is expected to formally plead in court July 9. METRO

Heist

Rolexes stolen from Borgata

Police are looking for three men who on Monday night made off with an estimated $200,000 worth of Rolex watches during the smash-and-grab robbery of a jewelry store inside the Borgata Hotel and Casino, according to the Press of Atlantic City. METRO

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Tonto vs. Captain Jack

Tonto is another addition to Johnny Depp's coterie of kooky characters, including the Mad Hatter, Hunter S. Thompson and Edward Scissorhands. But perhaps the Grand Poobah of Depp's alter egos is "Pirates of the Caribbean" mainstay Captain Jack Sparrow. So between the rakish pirate and the wily Comanche warrior, who would win in a fight?

"It's over for Tonto," Depp says with a weary shake of his head. "Yeah, it's over for Tonto. Captain Jack is far too dark. It wouldn't take long, and it would be unpleasant."

Interview. Johnny Depp tries to erase negative portrayals of Native Americans with "The Lone Ranger."

TONTO'S NO SIDEKICK

Johnny Depp plays a more active Tonto — and gets top billing over "lead" Armie Hammer — in "The Lone Ranger." / PETER MOUNTAIN

"The Lone Ranger" may be the biggest Western to come out of Hollywood in years, but it's not star Johnny Depp's first venture into the frontier. In 1995, Depp starred as an out-of-his-depths city slicker in Jim Jarmusch's "Dead Man" — not that he's seen it. "I feel somehow that Jim Jarmusch made a great and amazing sort of epic poem of a western with 'Dead Man,'" Depp says. "Haven't seen the film, but I love Jim, and I know what he's capable of, and from what I've heard, it's — and I did read the script, by the way — it was wonderful."

Now, about that "Lone Ranger." In taking on such an iconic character in Tonto in such an iconic property, Depp — who spearheaded and executive-produced the project — saw "The Lone Ranger" as a chance to reverse a lot of Hollywood's past mistakes. "In the history of cinema, the Native American has been portrayed as a savage or as something lesser than. And it was important to me to at least take a good shot at erasing that," he says.

On a more personal level, there's also the way Tonto himself — the Lone Ranger's stoic sidekick — had been portrayed. "As a very young child, I was always perturbed by the idea of Tonto being a sidekick. That just didn't register properly in my head," Depp explains. "I just thought it was potentially an opportunity to right the wrong, you know?"

And it's not just Hollywood's treatment of Native Americans that needs addressing, Depp insists. There are centuries of injustice and stereotypes he hopes his flashy summer blockbuster can help diminish. "I wanted to convey that the Native Americans were only deemed savages when Christopher Columbus hit the wrong f—ing place, and decided that he'd hit India," Depp says. "That's our history. He thought he hit India, and called the people Indians. That's our history, you know? I mean, that's pretty f—ing weird, seriously."

Quoted

"As a very young child, I was always perturbed by the idea of Tonto being a sidekick. That just didn't register properly in my head." Depp

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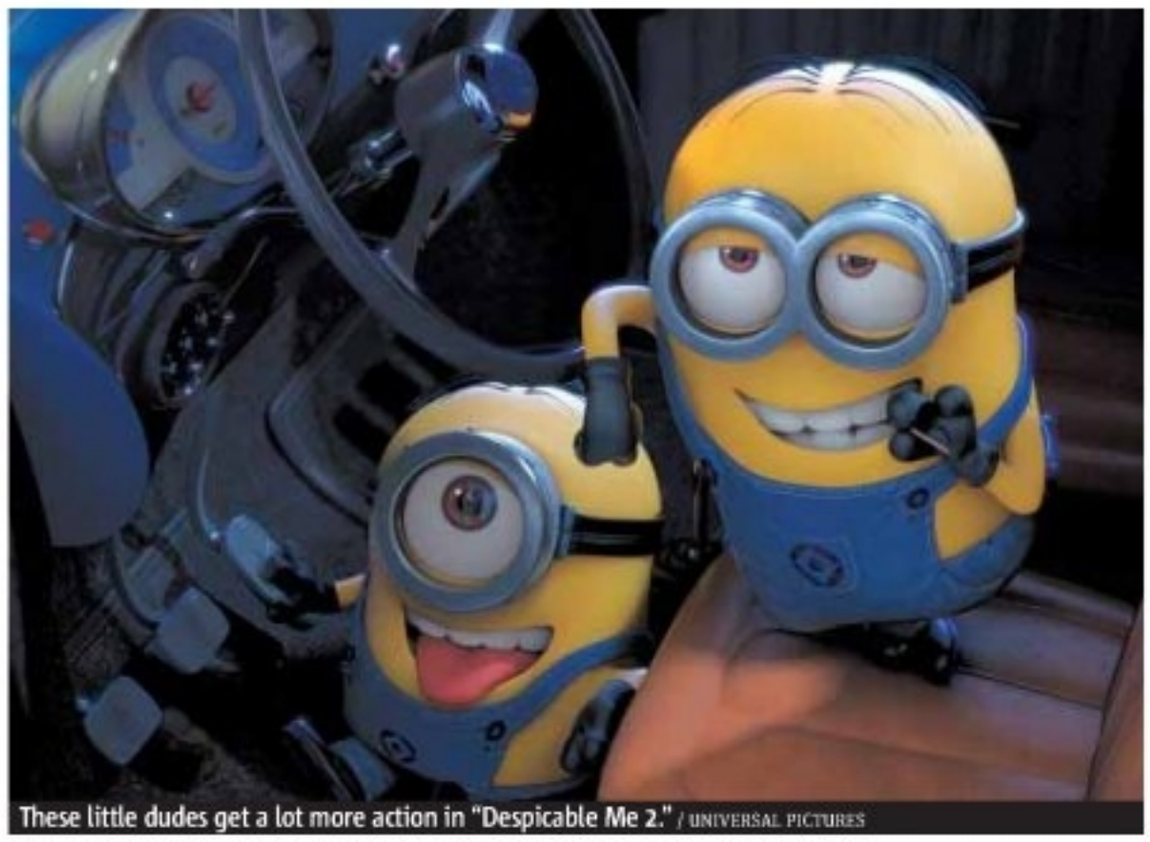
Second verse as good as the first

Sequel. "Despicable Me 2" is as surprisingly delightful as the original.


These little dudes get a lot more action in "Despicable Me 2." / UNIVERSAL PICTURES

It's tough to settle down in the suburbs after you've tried to steal the moon. But reformed super-villain Gru (voiced again by Steve Carell, with a Bela Lugosi accent) is making a go of it as a single dad to three cute-as-a-button girls. He's even converted his massive weapons laboratory into a start-up business manufacturing jellies and jams. Alas, such a fiendishly gifted mind cannot stay idle for long, especially when the laws of Hollywood economics demand sequels to surprise blockbusters.

Review

'Despicable Me 2'

Directors. Chris Renaud and Pierre Coffin

Voices. Steve Carell, Kristen Wiig

Rating. PG

The dizzy, delightful "Despicable Me 2" finds Gru recruited by the top secret Anti-Villain League, with eager agent Lucy Wilde (Kristen Wiig) and her dour commanding officer (Steve Coogan) enlisting our hero's expertise in tracking down a stolen experimental serum that turns test subjects into fuzzy purple monsters. At first reluctant to be of service, Gru doesn't really have much choice, given Agent Wilde's annoying habit of tasering him to get his attention.

Going undercover at the local mall by setting up a dummy cupcake shop, the two target a swarthy Mexican restaurant owner (Benjamin Bratt) who looks suspiciously like El Macho, one of Gru's former comrades, who was presumed dead after riding a dynamite-covered shark into a volcano on a rocket. Such zany overkill is characteristic of the screenplay by Cinco Paul and Ken Daurio, who won't settle for just one gag when a moment can easily contain three or four more.

So much contemporary computer animation strives for a dull facsimile of photo-realism, but here returning directors Chris Renaud and Pierre Coffin shoot for the classic cartoon hand-drawn anarchy of Looney Tunes, never more so than with the Minions. Gru's diminutive henchmen look like yellow Tic Tacs wearing denim overalls and steampunk goggles, speak in high-pitched nonsensical talk and keep stumbling into elaborately orchestrated, dialogue-free slapstick sequences.

The storyline grows a bit cluttered with the introduction of a possibly sinister wig maker (Ken Jeong). But for Gru, what's scarier than any impending plot for world domination is the terrifying development that his teenage daughter has started dating.

Spirited vocal performances from the cast add to the antic atmosphere. The energy level never flags, even though you might wish everybody would stop to breathe once in a while. Overstuffed with daffy non sequitors and not one, but two, exuberant Minion musical numbers, "Despicable Me 2" is almost too much of a good thing.

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Oh, it's not that bad

Would-be blockbuster. The mega-budgeted take on "The Lone Ranger" has traces of merit.

Review

'The Lone Ranger'

Director. Gore Verbinski

Stars. Armie Hammer, Johnny Depp

Rating. PG-13

Johnny Depp and Armie Hammer try to loosen up the mega-bloated behemoth made of "The Lone Ranger." / PETER MOUNTAIN

Advance buzz on "The Lone Ranger" has been dire, as would plague any $250 million behemoth based on a franchise that few living remember vividly. It's also a Western, a genre that, as in the past, fares best when not mega-budgeted to hell. If this is the movie that people see only because they feel they should, then may they be surprised that it's not terrible, even if it's maddeningly at war with itself.

It is, more than anything, a product of its bloated, mega-blockbuster times and of its director, a talented filmmaker born at the wrong time. Gore Verbinski is most famous/infamous for the first three "Pirates of the Caribbean" films — pictures based on a theme-park ride that nonetheless swelled into bombastic, impenetrable nonsense. They (the first and bits of the second, especially) have a bizarre comic streak, a playfulness and a cynical knack for undercutting heroics reminiscent of the great Richard Lester (of the '70s "Three Musketeers" films and "Superman II").

Verbinski himself demanded the ludicrous price tag and length for "The Lone Ranger," so he has only himself to blame. He gets in his own way; he's like a crazy, egomaniacal producer and idiosyncratic filmmaker in one body. The best parts of "The Lone Ranger," and they exist, are silly and weird. The worst parts, and they exist, too, aren't as life-sapping nor as needlessly labyrinthine as "Pirates."

Because this is a 21st century picture, it's an origin story, but it often plays as deconstructive parody — it's sometimes an anti-origin story. Armie Hammer plays the lawyer-reluctantly-and-sloppily-turned-outlaw who teams up with a relentlessly deadpan, vaguely pissy Tonto, played by Johnny Depp (who swears he has some Cherokee or Creek Indian in his lineage). There's a conspiracy involving sinister proto-capitalist Tom Wilkinson, but it's all leading to a reasonably entertaining climax, when the Rossini-cribbed theme finally gets whipped out.

Honestly, it should have been whipped out two acts prior. Origin stories are sapping the fun out of mainstream filmmaking, and no one cares where Silver the horse got his name. Still, the undiluted version of this — which would likely resemble "Rango," Verbinski's insane cartoon Western, made because he could do whatever he wanted — would have been fantastic. The diluted version simply has lots of moments, albeit squeezed into acres of unnecessary and uninvolving bloat. The Sergio Leone homages are expected, but any movie that nods to "Dead Man" — Jim Jarmusch's hippie Western, starring Depp back when no one saw Johnny Depp pictures — can't be all bad.

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Robin Thicke will sex you up, make no doubt about that

Sometimes, when I remember that Robin Thicke's dad is Alan Thicke, I laugh a lot because, oh man, what would Dr. Seaver say? Dude used to blow a lid when Mike stayed up past 9 p.m. eating ice cream, and here's Robin mouth-sexing a chocolate cone while eye-sexing half-naked models in the video for "Blurred Lines."

Good thing, then, that Robin's real life isn't anything like an episode of "Growing Pains," because I'm pretty sure Papa Seaver might actually have a heart attack when he caught wind of Robin's new song, which, if possible, is even more sexed up than its predecessor.

The new joint "Give it 2 U" ('cause not spelling out words is hella sexy) features a guest spot by BET Awards-sweeper Kendrick Lamar, and is about, uh, well Thicke giving it 2 U. It being his big, thick, throbbing ... heart. (He's going 2 give U his man-parts, is what I'm not so gracefully insinuating — and neither is he — here.)

And here's the thing: Despite being so sexual it's kind of stupid, it's sort of a totally catchy (in a terrible dub-steppy way) jam. It'll get stuck in your head, much like Thicke plans to stick his ... never mind.

THE WORD

Alexandra Cavallo takes on the world of gossip.

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— Dorothy Robinson will return Monday, July 7.

Betty White: still really old, still really sassy

What's that saying about too much of a good thing? I can't remember how it goes, my brain is old and feeble, but not as old as Betty White — which is where I'm going with this.

Because, OK, if this was two years ago, and I read in InTouch that the 91-year-old considers herself a "terrible flirt" and that she gets "her jollies that way!" I'd laugh affectionately. "That incorrigible old bag!" I'd say to myself. "That randy old nana! What a card!" Because it would still be charming, in kind of a gross way, and it would still be new.

Alas, like so many things that once made me chuckle affectionately and now make me turn the page quicker than you can say "wrinkly old boobs," I just no longer care.

If, however, you're still titillated by the bawdy admissions of a cute old lady with a sailer mouth, know this: She's old AND sexy.

Kennedy tells all

Remember Kennedy from MTV? "Of course!," said nobody, anywhere. Well, once, a very long time ago (the '90s) when MTV still played music (TV for your ears), Kennedy was famous for being a VJ. (Some of you kids might not know what I'm talking about, because, to you, MTV is a channel that specializes in the exploits of moderately illiterate and/or more than moderately pregnant teenagers. That "M" used to stand for something!)

Now, however, Kennedy is not famous for anything. But not for lack of trying. Kennedy, it seems, has written a tell-all (I'm no book expert, but I'm pretty sure the key to writing a successful tell-all is having anyone at all GAF about what you're trying to tell them) and it. is. scandalous. Or so she hopes.

One juicy bit? Apparently, Michael Jordan (he used to play basketball) tried to take her V-card this one time. But Kennedy was all like, "Oh no, your giant you-know-what will tear my precious flower apart!" (#that'sracist) and so she respectfully declined. At least that's what the book says.

You could read the whole thing for yourself if you bought her book! But you won't, will you?

Meek Mill has to tighten up his Twitter game

Oh man, if only we could mandate half of the people we know on Twitter and Facebook to do this.

A Philadelphia judge ordered rapper Meek Mill to complete a series of etiquette classes to "refine his use of social media" at a probation violation hearing (for drug and gun charges) last week.

A cursory glance at Meek's Twitter reveals that the rapper is prone to tweeting explicit and kinda misogynistic recommendations for lady behavior, which, while gross, isn't much worse than the kind of stuff half the pimply teen boys across America post to their various social media outlets daily.

If we could sentence the most egregious social media offenders we know to etiquette classes, there are a few lessons we'd like to see included on the syllabus.

Lesson one: Nobody but nobody wants to see pictures of the flowers your "super sweet hubby" brought home/of your cat/of the chicken you grilled for dinner/of you in the bathroom. Lesson two: If you think it might be TMI — it is. Lesson three: If you think it definitely isn't TMI — it is.

Class dismissed.

North West is not for sale!

Or, at least, pictures of her aren't.

In one of the first public things Kim and Kanye have done that didn't make me want to move to Siberia or some other place where people had more pressing matters to worry about (like foraging for food so as not to die) than Kim's pregnant cankles, they have NOT accepted a large sum of money in exchange for the first photos of their brand new kid.

According to US Weekly, K Squared turned down a $3 million offer for the very first pictures of North West — which is like 3 cents in Kardashian/Yeezy currency — but still. It's a fairly decent move from two people whom I suspect are not all that decent, as far as people contributing quality things to the world go. Unless, of course, they're holding out for a better offer. In which case, I'm off to Siberia.

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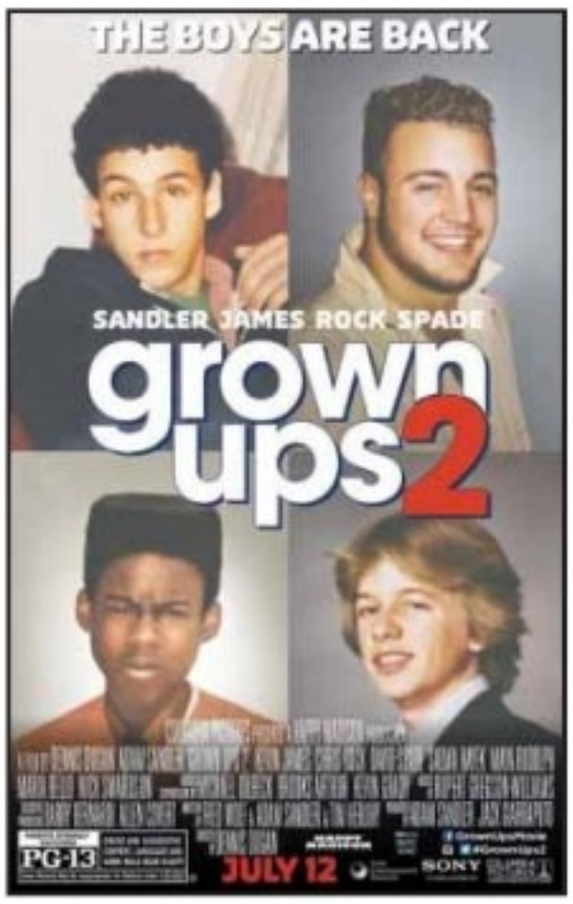

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IN THEATERS JULY 12

Red, white and Gaga

Stylin' stud

1 **Pharrell** rocked Ray-Bans while speaking at a press conference during Berlin Fashion Week.

Looking smashing

2 Smashing Pumpkins frontman **Billy Corgan** took the stage in Manchester, England, for the band's extended European tour.

See more at www.metro.us

Just another day for Gaga

3 Wax looks good on **Lady Gaga** — too bad we can't say the same about her outfit. The singer was immortalized in this waxwork at the Musee Grevin in Paris.

iVisit morning TV

4 **Miranda Cosgrove** was excited to make an appearance on the "Today" show.

You make me feel like...

5 He might be "locked out of heaven," but **Bruno Mars** was allowed in the Prudential Center in Newark, N.J., to continue his Moonshine Jungle tour.

O, Canada!

6 Our neighbors to the north gathered at Queen's Park in Toronto to celebrate **Canada Day**.

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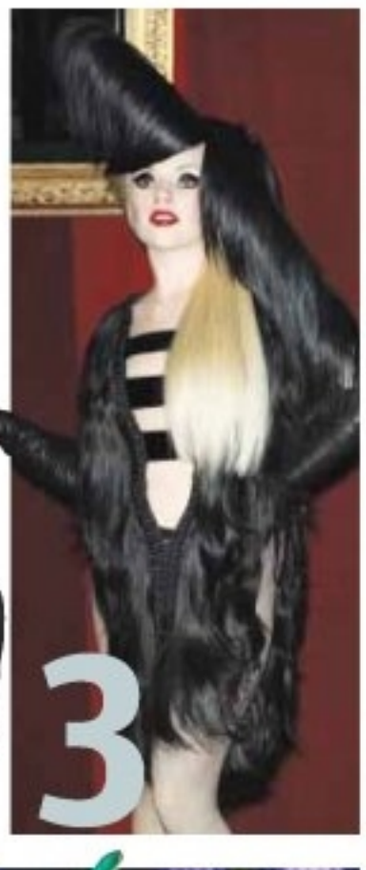

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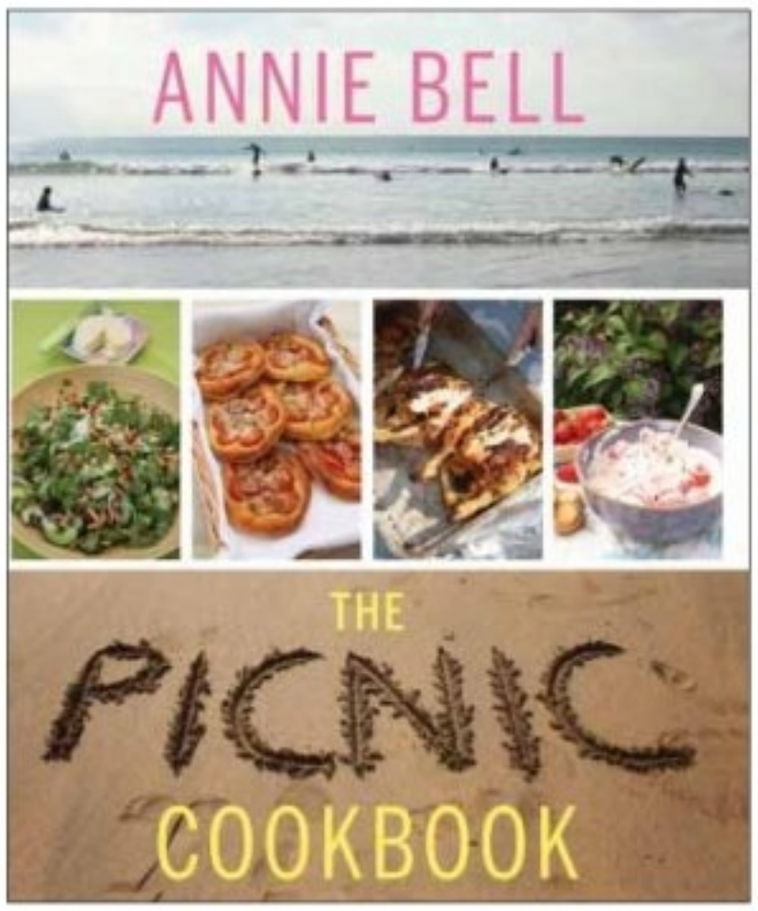
Lifestyle. For your next outdoor dinner or lunch, prepare a simple meal that seems lavish.



Sometimes it seems all you can — or need to — muster for an outdoor picnic is wine, crackers and some great cheese. This summer, challenge yourself to create that event you've always imagined, starring crisp vegetables, prepared dishes and perhaps even a blanket you didn't pull out of the dusty back corner of your closet.

In "The Picnic Cookbook," author Annie Bell provides more than 100 simple recipes, from dips and crudites to grilled shrimp and "All-American Cherry Pie." She gives us some tips to make our humble day in the park feel lavish.

Learn how to make this eggplant veggie roast on Metro.us. / JONATHAN BELL

1 Prepare as much beforehand, even freezing food if you must.

2 The night before, throw ice packs in the freezer, chill any drinks, make salad dressings and pack the picnic basket.

3 Think small and light — pack cooler bags instead of boxes, and bring condiments in smaller bags.

4 Chill drinks below the temperature you want to drink them at before leaving.

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Recipe. Cucumber, chile and pumpkin seed salad

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For six to eight people

- Two cucumbers, ends discarded, halved, seeded and sliced into half-moons
- About ¼ inch thick sea salt
- ⅓ heaping cup pumpkin seeds or pine nuts
- 4 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 3 scallions, trimmed and finely sliced
- ½ medium-hot red chile, seeded and finely chopped
- A handful of coarsely chopped cilantro

Try a refreshing salad with a kick. / JONATHAN BELL

Directions: In a large bowl, season the cucumber with sea salt and let stand for 30 minutes. Give the cucumber a good rinse in a strainer or a sink of cold water, then dry it in batches between double thicknesses of paper towels. At the same time, heat a skillet over medium heat and toast the pumpkin seeds or pine nuts until lightly colored, stirring continuously, then transfer them to a bowl and let cool. In a serving bowl or sealable container, combine the oil and lemon juice. Scatter the cucumber on top of the salad, then the scallion, chile, cilantro and seeds or nuts, and cover to transport. Toss the salad in the dressing just before serving.

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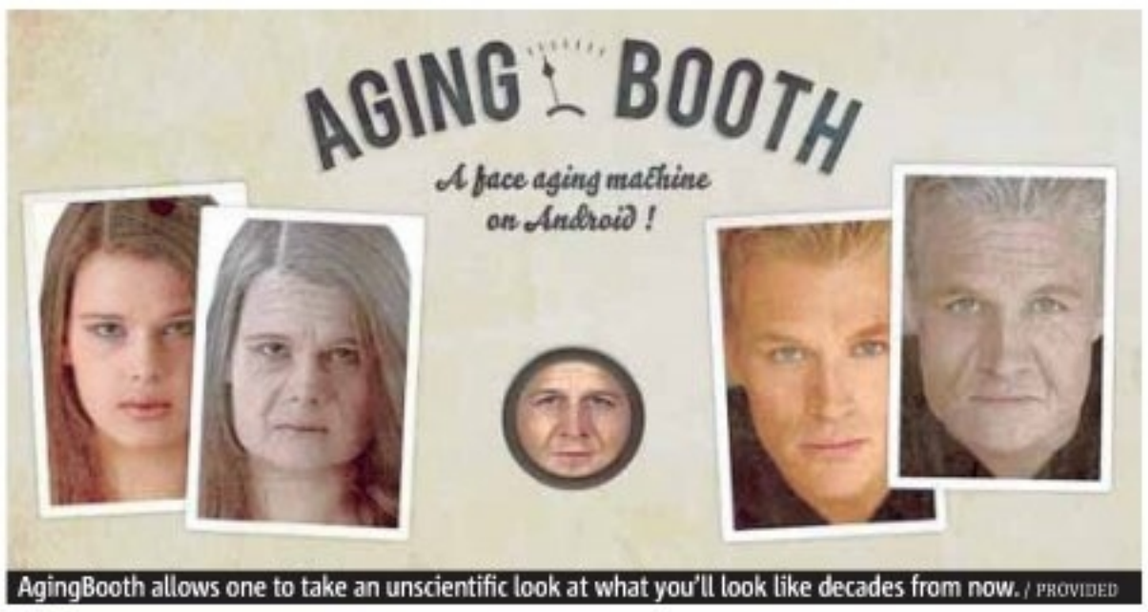

AgingBooth allows one to take an unscientific look at what you'll look like decades from now. / PROVIDED

Rise vs. Wake

Platform: both iOS
Price: both $1.99

Though it's not as dodgy as the Maps app that comes with the iPhone, the old alarm program on the Clocks app is perfectly functional but clunky. It gets the job done, but it lacks the instinctive flow that takes advantage of a touch-based interface. Two similar but different apps have recently come to solve that design issue: Rise and Wake. Both are equally sleek, minimalist, even beautiful in slightly unique ways. Both put the most important action — setting an alarm time — on the main screen, then elegantly allow one to swipe over for other functions, like changing the sound that (hopefully) jolts one from bed.

Rise lacks multiple alarms, but has a function where you can program playlists that lull you to sleep. Wake does have multiple alarms, but the actual sounds aren't as diverse. Other fundamental problems plague both. Rise requires the phone sound be on to hear the alarm. If you don't want to be awoken by inexplicable 3 a.m. emails from LinkedIn, you'll have to set your phone to "do not disturb" mode. Wake, meanwhile, requires the app be up on your screen, with power plugged in, to work at all. These problems may simply be early hiccups, but you might find yourself preferring the functionality of your old alarm app over fancy design.

Wake allows multiple alarms. PROVIDED

Rise features smoother functionality. / PROVIDED

AgingBooth

Platform: Android, iOS
Price: Free

Provided you survive into your autumn years at all, you are going to age, and probably terribly. Youthful vim will be replaced by lazy stupor, butts will balloon out and faces will be increasingly marked by wrinkles and drooping flab. If you'd like an unscientific rendering of how ugly you one day may look, you can't do worse than the time-waster AgingBooth. Another in the line of playful photo filter apps, it takes any portrait and adds wrinkles, gray hair and face fat. Try it on friends, on yourself, even on pretty celebrities whose faces are appallingly clean and free of wear — for now.

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This week in health

National cesarean rate levels off

Location of study: U.S.
Study subjects: Data study
Results: Cesarean delivery rates in the U.S. have not increased over the past three years, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports. This counters an alarming 12-year trend that saw an increase in cesarean deliveries, many for non-medical reasons.
Significance: The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists hopes this translates as a reduction in deliveries before 39 weeks' gestation, but the figures also found that the cesarean rate at 39 weeks gestation has increased.

Cesarean rates haven't increased for the first time in more than a decade. / GETTY IMAGES, WAVEBREAK MEDIA

Protein linked to Alzheimer's

Location of study: U.S.
Study subjects: Mice
Results: A protein called caspase-2 could play an important role in the onset of Alzheimer's disease, say researchers at Columbia University Medical Center. Recent studies using mice found that this protein regulates signals that lead to cognitive decline associated with the disease.
Significance: The researchers think that blocking this protein could prevent Alzheimer's by stopping the neuronal damage that leads to cognitive decline.

Portion sizes deceive

Location of study: U.S.
Study subjects: 217 participants
Results: How much we eat and how much we are willing to pay for our food is influenced by how a portion is labeled, say Cornell University researchers. A new study, "One Man's Tall is Another Man's Small: How the Framing of Portion Size Influences Food Choice," which was published online on Health Economics, found that people will pay more for a portion that sounds larger, and they will eat more of an enormous portion if it is labeled as a smaller portion.
Significance: The study seems to indicate that people are using language, rather than satiation, as a guide to how much they eat.

Eating peanuts may curb obesity

Location of study: U.S.
Study subjects: Mexican-American sixth-graders
Results: Adolescents who consumed peanuts at least once per week were less likely to be overweight or obese, and had significantly higher intakes of magnesium and vitamin E compared to those who didn't, according to a study published in Nutrition Research. The peanut-eaters also consumed more vegetables and had more fiber in their diets.
Significance: "Low cost and easily implemented interventions such as increasing peanut consumption may be one way to address health risks in at-risk populations," says study leader Dr. Craig Johnston, instructor at the Behavioral Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine.
LINDA CLARKE

30-Second Lifesaver

With Dr. Frank Lipman

This week's tip comes from Dr. Frank Lipman, integrative and functional medicine physician and founder of Eleven Eleven Wellness Center:

Chug a green juice: Ditch your 4 p.m. Starbucks run and chug a green juice instead. Flood your body with energizing and hydrating nutrients for an instant boost. Be sure to include a lot of organic green veggies like kale, bok choy, celery and cucumber, with some apple, lemon and ginger to sweeten this powerful potion, and get your cells singing. Fresh green juice is full of vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and enzymes that are readily absorbed by the body. Since the fiber has been removed, the nutrients are especially easy to digest.

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The Fourth of July is a magical time in Philly.

Just ask Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson of The Roots, which will once again be the house band for the annual Wawa Welcome America! main concert Thursday on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

"It's not a Roots event until we sneak a few rabbits out of the hat that Philly doesn't know about," Questlove says. "No one knew about Lauryn Hill last year or about Boyz II Men the year before. I kind of like that surprise element, so we have a lot of surprises and a lot of walk-ons that we haven't announced. We're trying to put on the world's greatest variety show and hopefully make it a tradition."

The announced guests are pretty impressive on their own, with Ne-Yo, Jill Scott, John Mayer, Demi Lovato, Ben Taylor, J. Cole and Grace Potter on board this year. North Philly funnyman Kevin Hart is the host.

"There's going to be a lot of work involved from our end, but when you love your work and love what you do, it's a lot of fun," says Roots keyboardist James Poyser.

More than 1 million people are expected at the free concert. It's the midpoint of a very big year for The Roots, which saw them named as the house band for the upcoming "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon," starting in February next year. Locally, the guys had their own mural unveiled at the World Communications Charter School at Broad and South streets in the spring, and they also just announced an album collaboration with Elvis Costello, due out in the fall.

"One day when he was a guest on the Fallon show and it was the third successful collaboration between The Roots and Elvis, I said, 'OK, let's make this official, let's get married,'" Questlove says. "The album is called 'Wise Up Ghost.'"

Drumming is not Questlove's only skill. He just released a memoir, "Mo' Meta Blues: The World According to Questlove," and recently opened a restaurant in New York.

As for Thursday's show, it culminates with a fireworks display over the art museum.

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Mayor Nutter called The Roots "the world's house band" at their mural unveiling. / CHRIS JORDAN

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Celebrating the Fourth, Philly-style

Philadelphia, what with it being the birthplace of independence and all, is ripe with July 4 celebration options all week long. There are family-friendly daytime activities, patriotic ceremonies and several events based on letting your taste-buds' freedom ring. Here are a few of our picks — check out even more events on page 21.

Party on the Parkway

Thursday, noon-7 p.m.
Ben Franklin Pkwy., from 20th St. to Eakins Oval
www.welcomeamerica.com
We all know about the star-filled concert headlined by hometown favorite The Roots (details on page 18) that will take place here later on the Fourth. But there's plenty to do during the day, too. Bring the kids and join the crowd for games, entertainment and a fleet of food trucks.

Celebration of Freedom Ceremony and Independence Day Parade

Thursday,
10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Independence Hall, Sixth and Market streets
Get out and celebrate your freedom as well as your city. The ceremony, which begins at Independence Hall, will raise your American spirits with readings from the Declaration of Independence, before leading right into the Independence Day parade. Though the parade won't cover much ground (it runs from Sixth and Chestnut to Front and Market), there will still be floats, a marching band and of course, a swelling feeling of pride.

Summer Movies Series

Thursday, 8 p.m.
3925 Walnut St.
www.citytaphouse.com
Each Thursday this summer, City Tap House will turn its spacious patio into a movie lounge. Of course there will be popcorn, but most importantly, each week a new brewer will be highlighted. For the Fourth, go watch Will Smith fight some space baddies in "Independence Day" and wash it all down with beer from Yards.

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3 Meyer lemon peels
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Heat Wave

1 part Pinnacle Atomic Hot Vodka
1 part DeKuyper Hot Damn! Cinnamon Schnapps
2 parts club soda
Splash of grenadine
Mix in a martini glass with ice and garnish with a cherry.

Red Stripes

1 oz. Wild Turkey 101
¼ oz. Wild Turkey 81
¾ oz. Cointreau
½ oz. Carpano Antica
½ oz. cranberry juice
Dash of orange bitters
Combine all ingredients in a shaker with ice. Shake and pour over fresh ice. Garnish with an orange twist.

Bahama Mama

1 oz. Coconut Rum
1 ¼ oz. Gold Rum
1 ½ oz. Nassau Royale Liqueur
2 oz. orange juice
2 oz. pineapple juice
Dash of Angostura Bitters (optional)
⅛ oz. grenadine
Mix ingredients and shake well. Pour over crushed ice in a tall glass and garnish with a slice of orange and two cherries.

Purple Melon's Majesty

3 oz. Purity Vodka
4 watermelon cubes
1 small handful of blueberries
Muddle watermelon and blueberries in a mixing glass. Add vodka and ice. Stir until cold, then double-strain and garnish with watermelon and blueberries.

Try this!

Malibu American Flag

¾ parts Blue Curacao
¾ parts Malibu Coconut Rum
¾ parts Campari
In a shot glass, layer Blue Curacao, then Malibu and then Campari on the top for a very patriotic-looking shooter or sipper.

American Sparkler

1 ½ oz. American Harvest Vodka
¾ oz. pomegranate liqueur
2-3 oz. of chilled champagne or dry sparkling wine
Combine all ingredients in a chilled champagne flute in this order: vodka, pomegranate liqueur, chilled champagne. Garnish with a lemon twist.

Hennessy Sparkler

1 oz. Hennessy VS
1 oz. Grand Marnier
Lemon peel
Dash of peach bitters
3 oz. Moet Imperial
Muddle lemon peel in a shaker. Add Hennessy, Grand Marnier and bitters and shake. Strain into a sugar-rimmed champagne flute. Garnish with a lemon twist.

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www.phillypops.org
Peter Nero will lead the POPS! in patriotic tunes like the "1812 Overture," all on the hallowed grounds of our nation's birth. To really get into the patriotic spirit, stick around to hear excerpts of the Declaration of Independence read by Thomas Jefferson himself. Well, an impersonator. Either way, it's a celebration worthy of our founding fathers.

Independence Week at the National Constitution Center

Wednesday and Thursday
9:30 a.m.-8 p.m.
525 Arch St.
Free, 215-409-6600
www.constitutioncenter.org
Walking around in Philly's areas is like taking a step back in time. Take the time travel even further at the National Constitution Center, where you can check out a re-created Revolutionary War encampment. Muster with the troops, visit the medical tent or see what the local blacksmith is getting up to at this blast from the past.

Fourth of July at Narberth Park

Thursday
10 a.m.-2 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
80 Windsor Ave., Narberth
www.narberthpa.com
Enjoy a carnival atmosphere during the day with a dunk tank, a pie-eating contest, music and games. When it gets dark, come back for the firework extravaganza. Bring a blanket, and don't show up too late — the popular park gets filled up quickly for this annual tradition.

An Independence Day Celebration! at Stenton

Thursday=, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
4601 N. 18th St., Germantown
Stenton Manor, $4-$5
215-924-3446
www.stenton.org
Built by James Logan, Billy Penn's secretary, Stenton is one of the city's earliest and best-preserved homes. Celebrate America's birth with live music from Run of the Mill String Band and kid-friendly activities. Ben Franklin will be on hand to keep the party going.

Fireworks Dinner Cruise on the Spirit of Philadelphia

Saturday, 7-10:30 p.m.
401 S. Columbus Blvd.
$84.90, 1-866-455-3866
www.spiritofphiladelphia.com
Sometimes the best way to get a perspective on a city is from its waterways. See Philly at sundown with the Spirit of Philadelphia cruise, complete with food, dancing and champagne. The three-hour tour concludes with a great view of the fireworks at Penn's Landing.

Fireworks Blast at Battleship New Jersey

Saturday, 7-9:30 p.m.
Delaware Ave. and Clinton St., Camden
$11- $67, 866-877-6262
www.battleshipnewjersey.org
All aboard the battleship! Party with the Philadelphia Zoo on Wheels and the Phillie Phanatic while noshing on barbeque and watching the kids get their faces painted patriotically. Then settle in to ooh and ahh over the fireworks display.
NICK RUSSO

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Fireworks & Fountains: Celebrate America at Longwood Gardens

Thursday, 9:15 p.m.
1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square, $22-$38, 610-388-1000, www.longwoodgardens.org
It's time to get patriotic. Listen to "The Stars and Stripes," "God Bless America" and other rousing tunes while fireworks burst above. If you show up earlier in the day, be sure to check out the 11,000 different types of flowers in Longwood's spectacular horticultural display. / L. ALBEE

Fireworks and Wine at Penns Woods Winery

Thursday, starting at noon
124 Beaver Valley Rd., Chadds Ford
Free, wine and cheese for purchase
610-459-0808
www.pennswoodswinery.com
Pack a picnic and head out of the city to spend the day lolling on the grass with a good bottle of wine. Penns Woods will put on a fireworks show in the evening. / PENNS WOODS WINERY

Old-Fashioned 4th of July Celebration at Fonthill Castle

Thursday, noon-4 p.m.
525 E. Court St., Doylestown
$1-$7, 215-348-9461
www.mercermuseum.org
Celebrate America's independence at the site of one of its most lavish dwellings, featuring 44 rooms, 21 chimneys and 6,000 books. There will be games, crafts, tug-o-war, a bike parade for the kiddies and old-timey fun like townball, an early form of baseball. Pack a picnic or grab a bite from the vendors serving up summertime snacks. / 2DAYPHOTOS.COM

Horoscope

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. You can awaken enthusiasm in a friend who has been down in the dumps, because your words will carry more weight than you realize.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Once you're certain that you are on solid ground, devote all your efforts to an ambitious project. Take things one step at a time.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. You might get a chance to teach a friend a valuable skill. However, first be sure that she is open to your suggestions.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. To be successful, you won't have to be bolder than your competitors — just smarter. Use your head.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. It's important to keep an open and receptive mind at all times. There's a good chance that a colleague could occasionally have better ideas than yours.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Be reasonable about the size of the returns you expect for your efforts. What you accomplish will be noticed in small ways.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20. Because you'll know how to put everyone at ease, you'll be an asset at any social gathering.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18. Your thoughtfulness toward your family and friends will be apparent. All the little things you do will show them that you really care.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. For whatever reason, you'll be especially adept at endeavors that require a creative and imaginative mind. Be sure to utilize your skills to the fullest extent.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Don't be indifferent to the suggestions of others when it comes to commercial dealings. Don't discount your own ideas, either.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. It would be best not to employ an intermediary to pass on critical information.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Many times, others' tips about ways to make money are less than reliable. Today, however, you are likely to receive some inside info worthy of exploration.

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Letters

Martin didn't start the fight

Re: 'Jury hears Zimmerman's account of Martin killing' (Metro, July 2) So now we hear that this guy isn't lying because he's lying consistently? So now you can attack someone, and when they defend themselves, you can shoot them and claim self-defense.

It doesn't really matter who started the fight. We know George Zimmerman followed Trayvon — which is threatening behavior, so ipso facto, Trayvon was defending himself even if he's not here to speak for himself.

DIANE IVES, VIA EMAIL

Metro's a big, fat hypocrite

Re: 'Paula Deen: Porn star?' (Metro, July 1) You printed some very fat-phobic comments by your "gossip" columnist regarding Paula Deen and Jessica Simpson. A few pages later, there was a thoughtful article about how one should love their body. How can you expect women to not succumb to the pressures of being thin when you participate in bashing those who are fat, including one who just had a baby?

EMILY DOMINGUEZ, VIA EMAIL

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42 Sage or basil
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50 Collected sayings
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68 Thank you, in Kyoto

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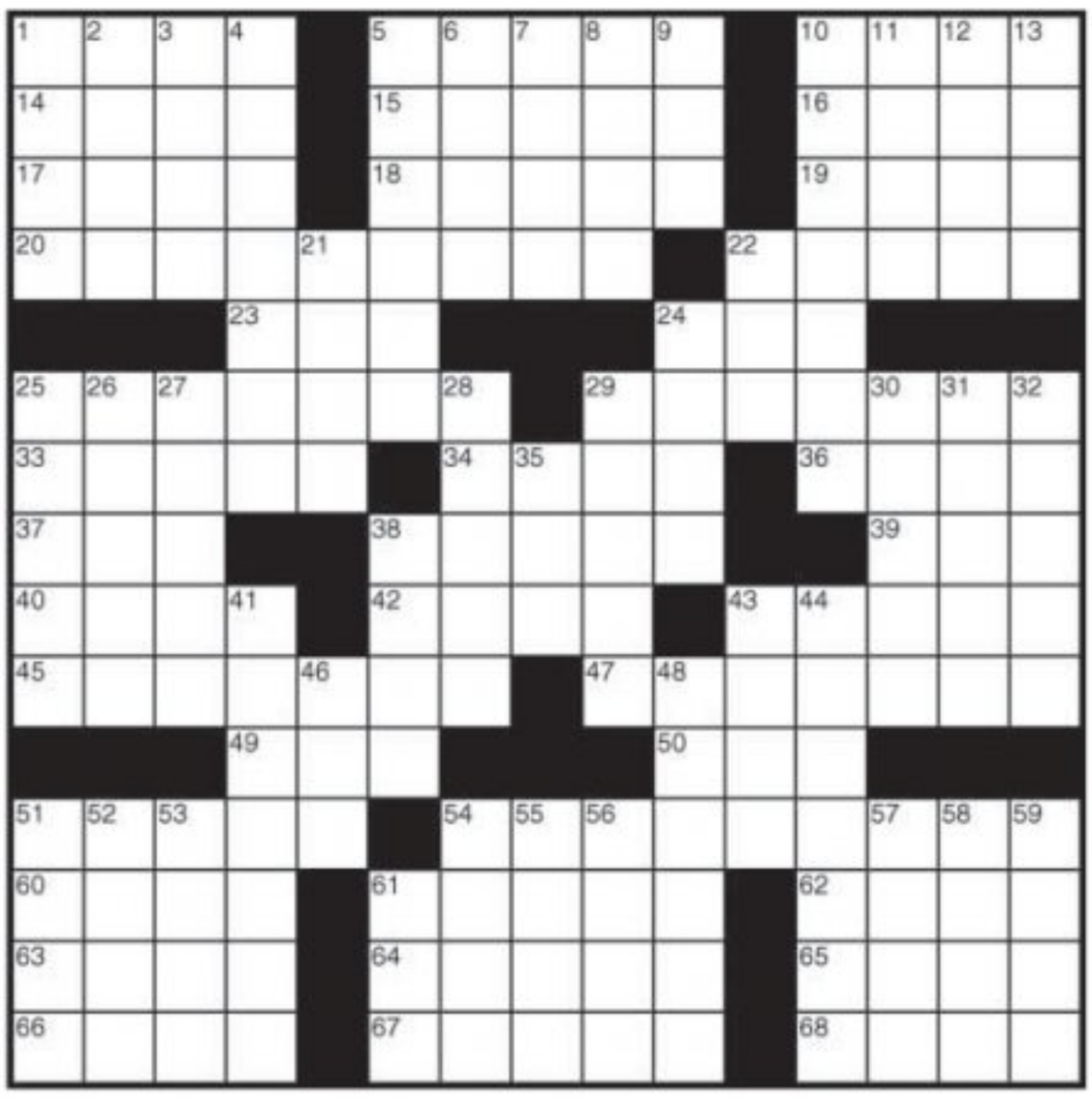

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Grilli doesn't fear the Phillies

MLB. The Phillies castoff is saving games as a catalyst for the Pirates' unexpected success.

It's not easy for Phillies fans when it comes to dealing with Pittsburgh sports aficionados. The Steelers have won more Super Bowls than any team (six), while the Eagles have won the least (none).

The Penguins typically race past the Flyers toward division titles.

At least Phillies fans have been able to say their team has typically been better than the Pirates over the last 20 years.

But they can't say that now.

The Pirates have the best record in baseball in July, and the Phillies are struggling to reach .500.

The Pirates haven't finished with a record over .500 since 1992, but the Pirates figure that things will be different this season.

"I don't think people know how good we are," Bucs closer Jason Grilli said. "We're a very good team. Just watch and see what we can do this year."

Pirates All-Star center fielder Andrew McCutchen believes his club will finally get over the .500 hump this season.

"I think we learned a lot last season," McCutchen said. "We're a different team now. We're ready to take that next step. A lot of where we are has to do with Jason Grilli."

Grilli, who played in Lehigh Valley in 2011, has 27 saves and a sparkling 1.72 ERA.

"It's been amazing being here," Grilli said. "The Pirates gave me a chance, and I've made the most of it."

Grilli, who was a solid set-up man last season, looks forward to facing the team that failed to promote him in 2011.

"It's fun going against them," he said. "They opted not to bring me up two seasons ago, but the Pirates decided to go after me and add me to their staff, and I haven't looked back."

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Jason Grilli is likely headed to the All-Star Game. / GETTY IMAGES

Tennis

Wimbledon clearing up

Marion Bartoli beat American Sloane Stephens after a lengthy rain delay at Wimbledon. Bartoli will face Kirsten Flipkens in the July 4 semifinals.

Sabine Lisicki punched her ticket by beating Kaia Kanepi. She'll face Agnieszka Radwanska. METRO

NBA

Interest in Greg Oden

Greg Oden is attempting a comeback and five teams are interested in his services.

The No. 1 overall pick in the 2007 NBA draft is being courted by the Spurs, Heat, Cavaliers, Celtics and Grizzlies, according to ESPN. METRO

NFL

Hernandez not in a gang

Aaron Hernandez's number of tattoos are not indicative of gang affiliation, according to the Boston Herald.

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Auto racing. IndyCar makes first stop at Pocono in 24 years

Open-wheel racing makes its historic return to Pocono Raceway Sunday, July 7, for the Pocono IndyCar 400 after a 24-year absence.

Racing legends Mario Andretti and Danny Sullivan shared their thoughts on what it means to have "The Tricky Triangle" back on the IZOD IndyCar Series schedule.

"Pocono Raceway holds a special place in my heart for so many reasons," said Andretti. "In addition to being close to my home, it's very challenging for drivers and engineers to figure out. It's called 'The Tricky Triangle' for a reason. I fell in love with Pocono long before I won there in 1986."

"A great layout, and three distinctly different corners, makes a good setup difficult," said Sullivan, winner of the 1984 and 1989 events at Pocono. "Pocono used to be rough, but that added to the challenge.

"My races there were always close and competitive. Winning it twice was special."

Additional past Pocono Raceway winners include some of the all-time greatest drivers in history, including A.J. Foyt, Rick Mears, Bobby Rahal and Al Unser.

"I think Pocono is an ideal track for Indy cars," said Sullivan. METRO

Mario's son, Marco, will race.
PAIGE OZAROSKI, METRO

Ron Jaworski ranks Eagles QB at No. 25

NFL. The former Eagle turned analyst grades Mike Vick low, but sees positives on the horizon.

Former Eagles quarterback Ron Jaworski ranked every quarterback in the NFL.

Not shockingly, Mike Vick came in low, at No. 25, on Jaworski's list. However, the ESPN analyst had positive things to say. He thinks Vick is the most talented quarterback on the Eagles' roster. Jaworski believes new coach Chip Kelly will help bring out his athleticism — if he can cut down on the turnovers.

"I am going to be fascinated to see Michael Vick in Chip Kelly's up-tempo-speed offense," Jaworski said. "I would not be surprised if Vick ends the season better than my 25th-rated quarterback."

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Vick was a turnover machine in 2012. / GETTY IMAGES

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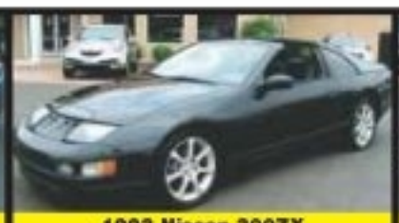
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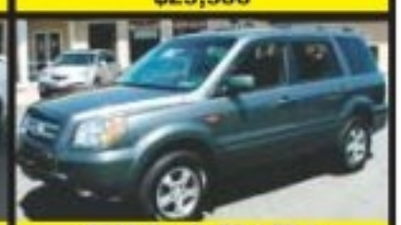
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Flyers interested in former Boston goalie Thomas

NHL. The Orange and Black may reach out to the 39-year-old, who hasn't played since the 2012 playoffs.

The Flyers are reportedly interested in former Bruins goaltender Tim Thomas. The interest is mutual, too, according to CSNPhilly.com. Thomas is set to become an unrestricted free agent on July 5.

Thomas sat out the 2012-13 season after being traded to the New York Islanders. He was an integral part of the 2011 Boston Stanley Cup championship team, but he hasn't suited up since the 2012 playoffs. Thomas is a two-time Vezina Trophy winner.

Thomas has a career 2.48 GAA.
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Thomas came under fire in Boston for voicing his political views. He refused to tag along with the Bruins on their official White House visit after winning the Cup, voicing disagreements with President Obama's politics. The move paved the way for his departure from Beantown.

Thomas posted the following message on Facebook at the time of the incident: "Because I believe this, today I exercised my right as a Free Citizen, and did not visit the White House. This was not about politics or party, as in my opinion both parties are responsible for the situation we are in as a country."

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Sixers unveil their summer hoops roster

The Sixers finalized their roster for the Orlando Pro Summer League, which begins July 7.

The six-day, 25-game event features the Sixers, Magic, Celtics, Nets, Pistons, Rockets, Pacers, Heat, Thunder and Jazz. First-round pick Michael Carter-Williams will make his highly anticipated Sixers debut. The squad also features new draft pick Arsalan Kazemi, along with former Temple standouts Khalif Wyatt and Michael Eric.

Other members of the squad include: D.J. Cooper, Justin Holiday, Travis Leslie, Zeke Marshall, Trevor Mbakwe, Brock Motum, Arnett Moultrie, James Southerland, Rodney Williams.

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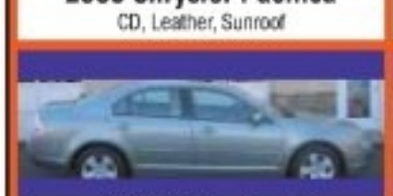
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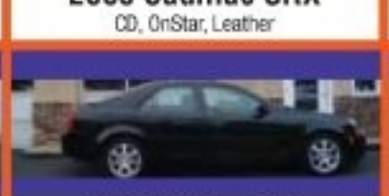
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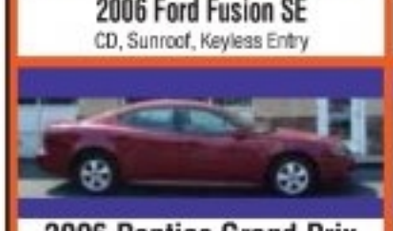
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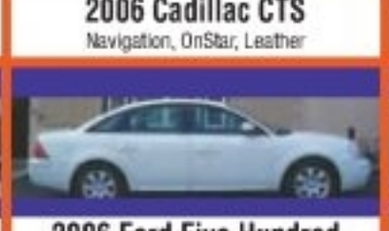
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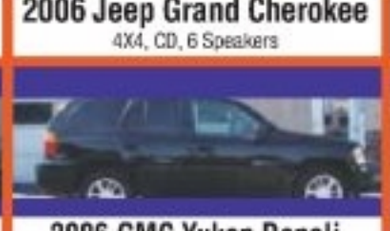
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Chester Charter School for the Arts (CCSA)
Attention: Food Service Management Companies

The Chester Charter School for the Arts is requesting proposals for school food service management services. The Food Service Management Company will provide management services according to United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulations and guidelines, as well as the Pennsylvania Department of Education policies and guidelines.

Food Service Management Companies and/or their representatives may submit proposals to:
The Chester Charter School for the Arts
In C/O FSMC Contact
200 Commerce Drive
Aston, PA 19014

The Chester Charter School for the Arts Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals or to accept the proposal that it finds, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the school.

A walk-through meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2013 at 1:30 PM at 200 Commerce Drive, Aston, PA 19014. Please confirm attendance as well as email any questions by Friday, July 12, 2013 to: fmgoodman@chesterchorterschoolforthearts.org.

All proposals must be submitted no later than 9:30 AM on August 7, 2013. All proposals should be mailed or delivered in a sealed envelope and addressed to the Chester Charter School for the Arts and be clearly marked: Food Service Management Proposal.

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